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Tom Deeney
Director of Corporate Compliance
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Dear Mr. Deeney:

NOTICE OF HEARING AND ISSUANCE OF ADMINISTRATIVE CIVIL LIABILITY COMPLAINT NO. R9-2008-0033 TO AMETEK INC. FOR FAILURE TO COMPLY WITH CLEANUP AND ABATEMENT ORDER (CAO) NO. R9-2002-201, FORMER AMETEK/KETEMA AEROSPACE MANUFACTURING FACILITY LOCATED AT 790 GREENFIELD DRIVE EL CAJON, CALIFORNIA

Enclosed please find Administrative Civil Liability Complaint (Complaint) No. R9-2008-0033 against Ametek Inc. (Ametek) for failure to comply with CAO R9-2002-201 by failing to report as required by Directive No. 1 by properly complying with Directive 1e and failing to submit a complete Feasibility Study as required by Directive No. 3. The Complaint recommends the California Regional Water Quality Control Board, San Diego Region (Regional Board), impose a civil liability of \$2,269,000 for these violations.

Waiver of Hearing

Pursuant to Water Code section 13323, the Regional Board will hold a hearing on the Complaint no later than 90 days after it is served. Ametek may elect to waive its right to a hearing before the Regional Board and agree to pay the proposed liability. Waiver of the hearing constitutes admission of the validity of the allegations of violation in the Complaint and acceptance of the assessment of civil liability in the amount of \$2,269,000 as set forth in the Complaint. If Ametek wishes to exercise this option, it must complete the following:

1. **By 5:00 p.m., October 24, 2008**, an authorized agent must sign the enclosed waiver and submit it to the Regional Board, along with a cashier's check in the amount of \$2,269,000 made payable to the "State Water Resources Control Board" for deposit into the Waste Discharge Permit Fund.

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*Please note that Ametek's waiver and agreement to pay the proposed liability constitutes a proposed settlement that will not become final until after a 30-day public comment period, as provided by the State Water Resources Control Board Water Quality Enforcement Policy (version dated February 12, 2002). **The settlement will not be effective until approved by the Regional Board.**

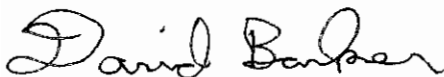
Public Hearing

Alternatively, if Ametek elects to proceed to a public hearing, a hearing is tentatively scheduled to be held at the Regional Board meeting on December 10, 2008. The meeting is scheduled to convene at 9:00 a.m. at the Regional Board Office, 9174 Sky Park Court, Suite 100, San Diego, CA. At that time, the Regional Board will accept testimony and public comment and decide whether to affirm, reject, or modify the proposed liability, or whether to refer the matter for judicial civil action.

Enclosed you will also find a draft of the procedures I am recommending that the Regional Board follow in conducting the hearing. Please note that comments on the proposed procedures are **due by October 17, 2008** to the Regional Board's advisory attorney, Catherine George Hagan.

Please contact State Water Resources Control Board Office of Enforcement Attorney Jorge Leon at (916) 341-5180 and via email at jleon@waterboards.ca.gov or Laurie Walsh (858) 467-2970 and via e-mail at Lwalsh@waterboards.ca.gov if you have any questions concerning this matter.

Respectfully,



David Barker
Surface Water Units Branch Chief

Enclosures: 1. Complaint No. R9-2008-0033
2. Complaint No. R9-2008-0033 Technical Analysis
3. Draft Notice of Public Hearing
4. Waiver of Public Hearing

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